

King County 2013 Emergency Medical Services Levy

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Ordinance and Inter-local Agreement

- Create an inter-local agreement between Seattle and King County transferring Medic One/EMS levy proceeds to the City at the authorized levy rate
- Authorize King County to place on the November 5, 2013 general election ballot the Medic One/EMS Levy

EMS Levy by the Numbers



- Six year levy for 2014-2019 for advanced (ALS) and basic life support (BLS)
- County-wide levy of \$.335/\$1,000 AV
- In all, \$683 million projected revenue in the County including Seattle and over \$12 million in reserves over six years
- In Seattle, \$.335 per \$1,000 of assessed value yields \$255 million in revenue for programs through 2019
 - \$121 million for ALS
 - \$134 million for BLS
- Levy maintains current levels of service by funding 46% of SFD's total EMS costs

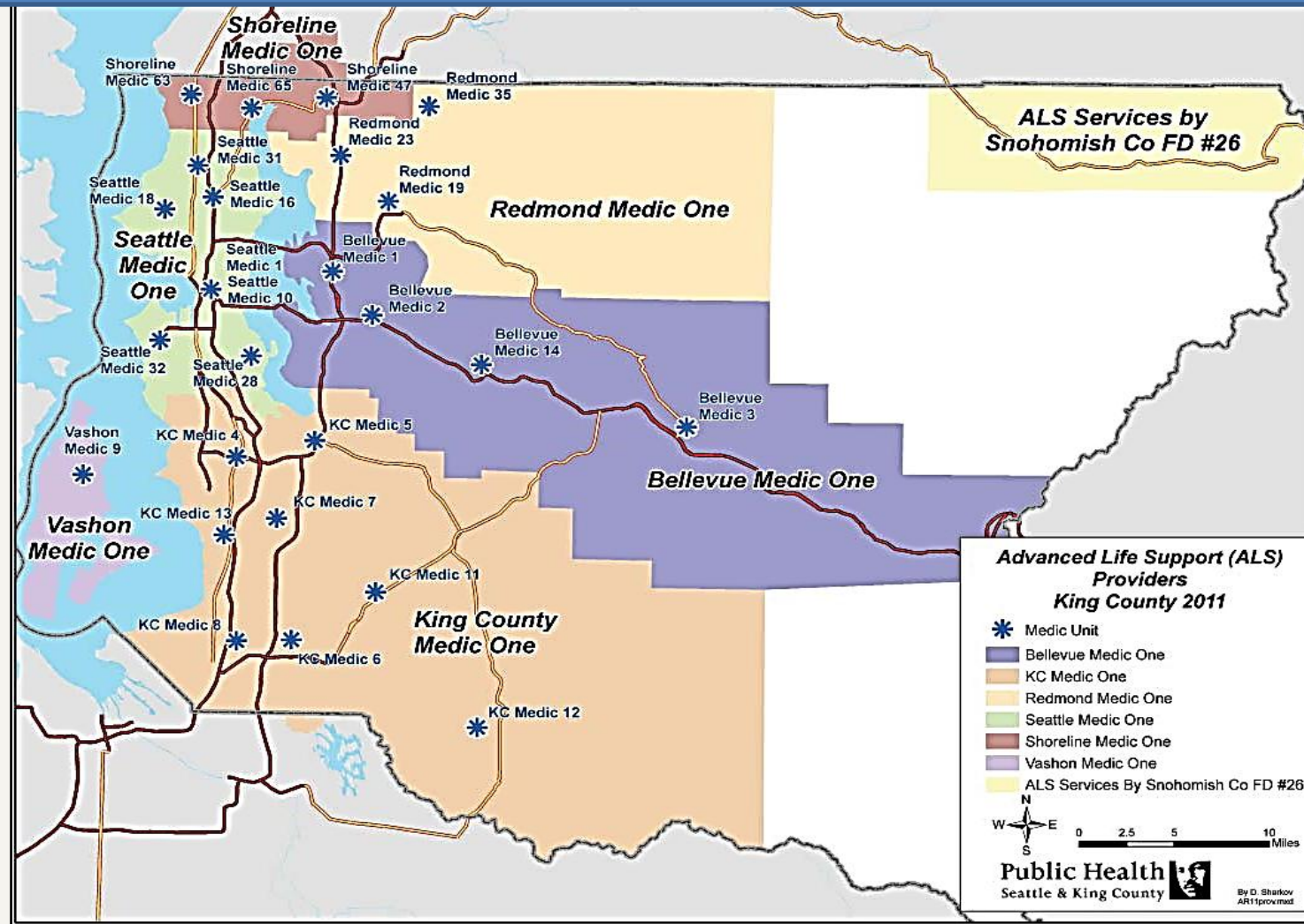
Comparison of Current Levy to Proposed Levy

	2014-19	2008-13
Total Levy - County-wide	\$678 million	\$623 million
Rate per \$1,000 Assessed Value (first year)	33.5 cents	30.0 cents
Term of Levy	6-year	6-year
Annual Levy Amount - Seattle (first year)	\$41 million	\$36 million
Annual Cost to Seattle Median Valued Household of \$439,000 in 2008 and \$365,000 in 2014	\$122	\$132

Timeline

- EMS Advisory Task Force-stakeholder recommendations sent to the County Executive in September 2012; King County Executive sent the Medic One/EMS Strategic Plan, based on the Task Force recommendations to the County Council in December 2012; Council approved the proposal in April 2013
- Per state statute RCW 84.52.069, Cities over 50K in population (9 of them) and the King County Council must endorse the Strategic Plan and endorse placing a levy rate on 2013 ballot
- Ordinance and ILA between Seattle and King County outlining the terms of revenue collection and funding of Seattle's system on your referral calendar
- Levy Campaign will run through summer up to the November 5 ballot

Advanced Life Support Providers (ALS)



Emergency Medical Services

A Regional, Tiered, Medical Model



**Citizen Involvement
Dispatcher/Police/AED**



Basic Life Support Services

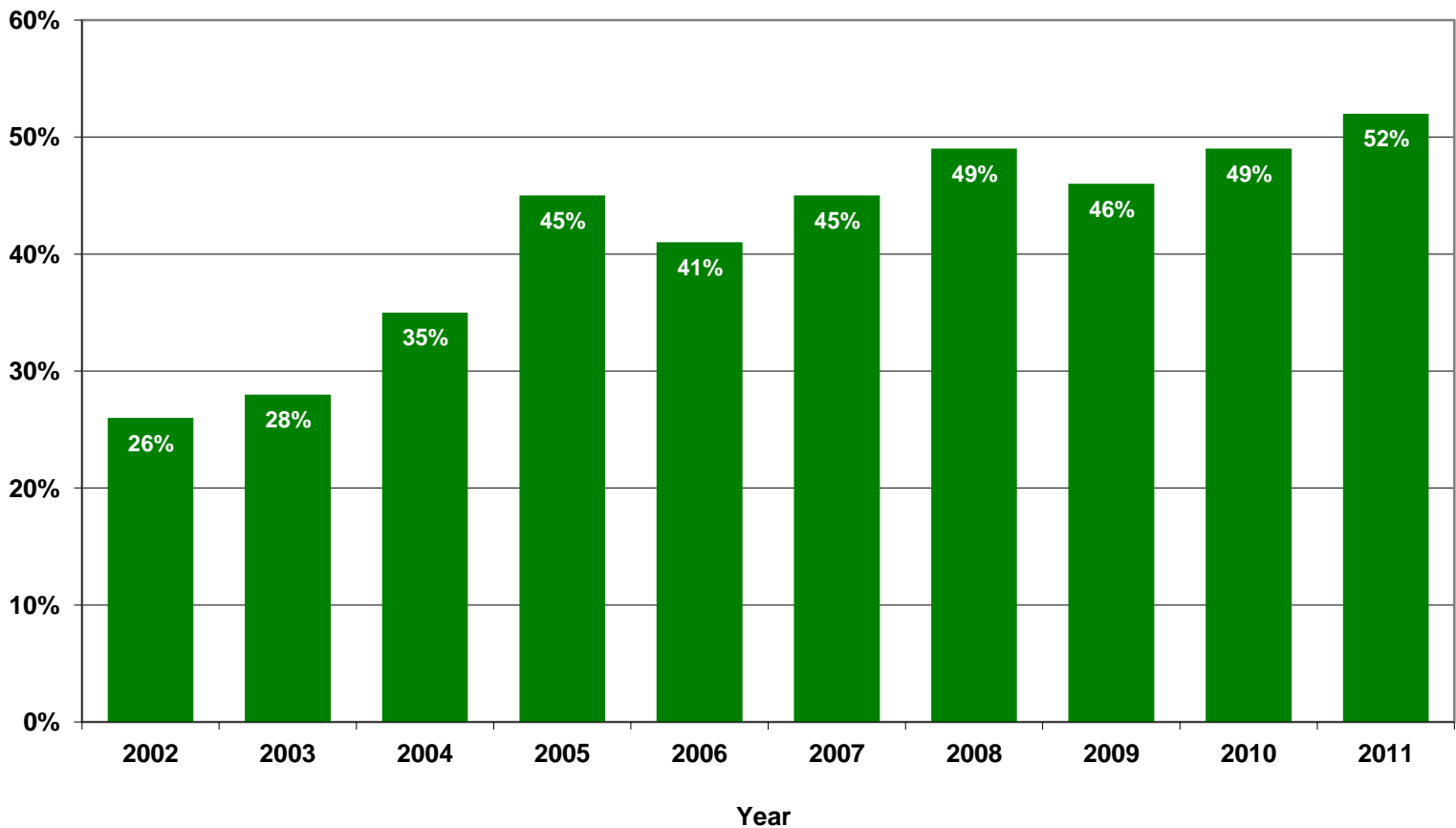
Advanced Life Support Services

Hospitals



Clinical Outcomes

Cardiac Arrest Survival in Seattle & King County, 2002-2011



Operational and Financial Fundamentals of the Medic One/EMS 2014-2019 Levy

Endorsed by the EMS Advisory Task Force on 7/26/2012

Financial Recommendations

Continue with EMS levy:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Six-year EMS levy, per RCW 84.52.069 ▪ Forecasted budget of \$695 million over six-year span, including reserves ▪ Levy rate of 33.5 cents/\$1,000 Assessed Valuation ▪ Would be run at either the 2013 Primary or General election, with the King County Council determining which election
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Advanced Life Support (ALS) Services Recommendations

Continue services from 2008-2013 levy:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Continue operations with the 26 units currently in service ▪ Fully fund eligible costs of existing paramedic services to prevent cost shifting to agencies ▪ Project annual increases using a compound inflator
Provide to meet expected demands:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No new medic units over the span of a six-year levy ▪ Reserves to cover unanticipated and one-time expenses ▪ Efficiencies to refine ALS costs and increase effectiveness ▪ Funding for a possible 12-hour medic unit in the later years of the levy in case demand for services increases

Basic Life Support (BLS) Services Recommendations

Continue services from 2008-2013 levy:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Partial funding for BLS services (firefighters/EMTs) ▪ Maintain King County portion of BLS funding at same percentage of overall expenses of previous levy period ▪ Maintain current funding formula for allocation (based 50/50 on Assessed Values and Call Volumes)
Provide to meet expected demands:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Programs and Initiatives that help manage growth, reduce impacts and increase the role of BLS agencies in regional decision-making

Regional Services Recommendations

Continue services from 2008-2013 levy:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Essential Regional Services programs that support the Medic One/EMS system
Provide to meet expected demands:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Re-scoped and enhanced Regional Services programs to meet emergent needs

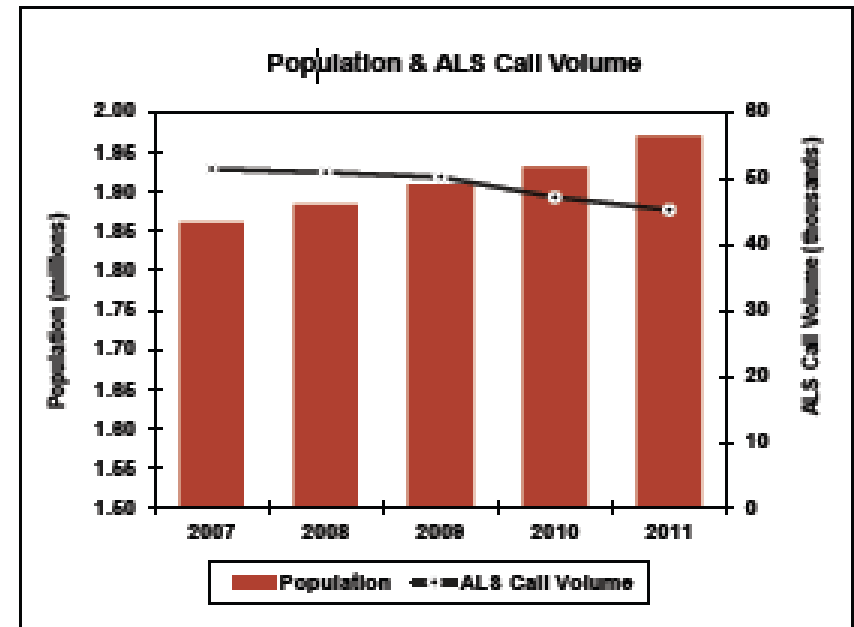
Strategic Initiatives Recommendations

Continue services from 2008-2013 levy:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Conversion of 2008-2013 Strategic Initiatives that have improved the quality of service and managed growth and costs into Regional Services programs to become ongoing programs
Provide to meet expected demands:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Revamped and new Strategic Initiatives

ALS Recommendations

- Maintain existing ALS services
 - 26 medic units (7 in Seattle)
 - Fully funded

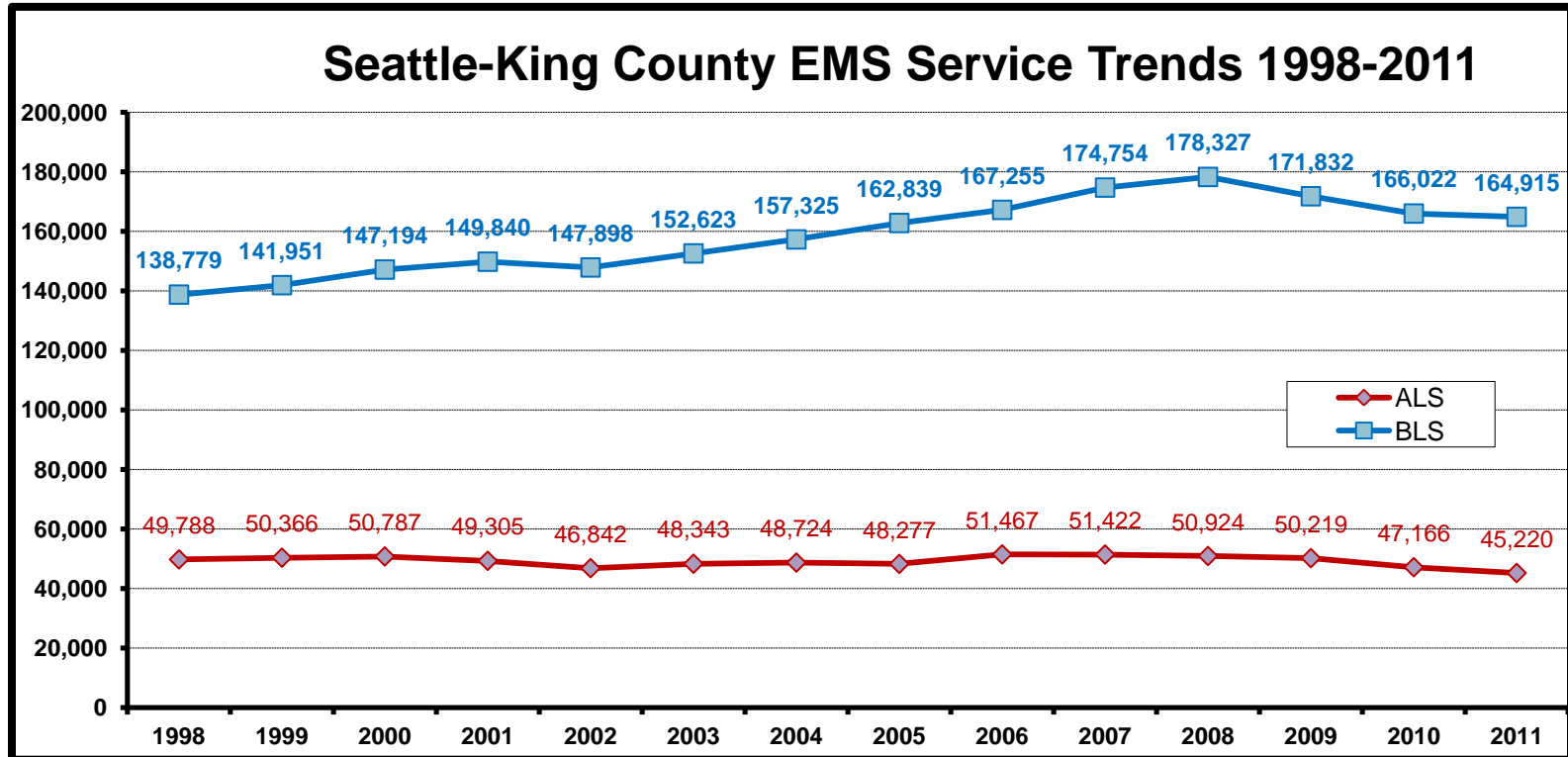
Paramedic Agency	Number of Units		Number of Units
	(2008-2013 levy period)		(2014-2019 levy period)
	Beginning	End	
Bellevue Medic One	4.0 units	4.0 units	4.0 units
King County Medic One	7.5 units	8.0 units	8.0 units
Redmond Medic One	3.0 units	3.0 units	3.0 units
Seattle Medic One	7.0 units	7.0 units	7.0 units
Shoreline Medic One	2.5 units	3.0 units	3.0 units
Vashon Medic One	1.0 units	1.0 units	1.0 units
Total Number of Units	25 units	26 units	26 units



- Continue reserves (includes place holder for new 12-hour unit)
- Implement cost efficiencies

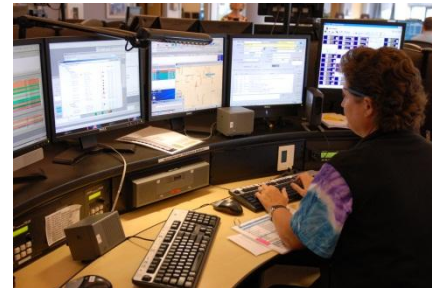
BLS - Recommendations

- Maintain partial funding for BLS Services
- Support programs that reduce impact on BLS agencies



Regional Services/Strategic Initiative Recommendations

- Regional Services
 - Maintain programs that support critical functions & direct services of the entire Medic One/EMS system
 - Re-scope programs to meet emerging needs



- Strategic Initiatives
 - Encourage efficiencies, innovation and leadership
 - Provide for the future needs of regional EMS system

Notes

- Revenue was included in Seattle's April General Fund revenue and budget update.
- County will place measure on ballot following Seattle City Council's approval of ordinance and ILA

Questions

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